

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

As you will be aware, all councils must maintain Development Plan Documents (DPDs), which set out the planning conditions for the town.

I would like to know:

- 1. What is your town's overall DPD? Please give name and an online link so I can access it (preferably in pdf format).**

ANSWER:

The overall DPD for the City is "Leicester City Core Strategy", which was adopted in November 2010. There are a number of saved policies from the 2006 City of Leicester Local Plan which provide planning guidance for the City.

The Core Strategy can be found at the following link:-

<http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/ep/planning/plansandguidance/ldf/ldfcore-strategy/>

Link to 2006 City of Leicester Local Plan – Written statement & list of saved policies:-

<http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/ep/planning/plansandguidance/localplan/writtenstatement/>

For your information this letter constitutes a refusal notice under Section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because an exemption under Section 21 of the Act is being applied, namely the information is accessible by other means, the Council Website.

- 2. Does your DPD contain a specific commitment to food growing, as part of new developments and/or redevelopments?**

The Core strategy does contain policies for food growing, CS2 (Climate Change) and CS13 (Green Network). These policies are focussed on the retention and provision of allotments through new development. Saved Local Plan policy GE19 (Allotments) specifically relates to the protection of allotments.

The Council also has a Climate Change SPD adopted in 2011. This document largely focuses on sustainable development as a whole and its role in helping to address climate change but it also promotes the provision of food growing space in new development.

- 3. If your current DPD does not contain such a commitment, do you intend to introduce one in your next DPD?**

Not applicable.

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

Information Governance Manager
Information Governance Team
Leicester City Council
9-15 Princess Road West
Leicester
LE1 6TH
e-mail: info.requests@leicester.gov.uk

Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700
www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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